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Take-aways fined for hygiene offences

by Dick Townsend-Smith

TWO restaurants have been fined after environmental health officers from Greenwich Council found mouse droppings in their kitchens.

The Moza Indian Take-away in Trafalgar Road, Maze Hill, now trading as Spice and Grill, was prosecuted for 12 food hygiene offences on November 8 at Woolwich Magistrates' Court. The Moza's manager, Misbah Uddin Khan, was fined £2,100. The case followed a routine food hygiene inspection by an environmental health officer on November 26, who found the premises dirty and badly maintained. Mouse droppings were found on low-level shelves in the food preparation area, and there was evidence of potential cross-contamination between raw food and ready-to-eat food in the refrigerator.

The take-away was ordered to close immediately because of the risk to customers' health. A food hygiene improvement notice was served requiring systems to be put in place before it could reopen. But a follow-up visit two weeks later showed there was no improvement so the council went ahead with a

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In my opinion



Buddy,
can you
spare
a time?

LATE last year, I was seriously considering committing some of my time to do voluntary work. And guess who I met at the restaurant during that personal brain-storming session? A colleague with whom I used to share jokes about retirement. Precisely what we will do with all that time on our hands? During lunch, I mentioned my desire to do voluntary work as my contribution to the community, without having to quit working altogether. David advised me to contact Age Concern Greenwich (ACG) and taking that advice has landed me the role of a trustee, which does not only occupy me purposefully but enables me to fulfil one of my life's ambitions. As a trustee I have a responsibility to contribute to the overall management and decision-making at ACG, which is a pro-active organisation working exclusively with the diverse population of older people in Greenwich, to make their life worth living.

Joe Bartlett-Vanderpuye

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Crimestoppers go to war on fakes

CAN you tell the difference between fake goods and the real thing? Well, there'll be a stall in Calderwood Street, Woolwich, tomorrow - November 24 - to put you right.

Crime-fighting charity Crimestoppers has launched a campaign to crack down on counterfeit goods by highlighting their links to serious organised

crime. With Christmas approaching and the effects of the recession still being felt, there could be a greater temptation to buy fake goods.

The campaign covers fake DVDs, fake money, fake tobacco, fake fashion and the harm fake products can cause. Crimestoppers chair Lord Ashcroft said: "This is

the first time Crimestoppers has launched such an initiative and I feel it is an invaluable one to educate the public, reduce the supply and demand of counterfeit goods and ultimately bring offenders to justice. "Christmas is a time when many are trying to find ways to reduce costs. I would urge the public not

to be tempted to buy cheap fake goods.

"They can fund serious crimes such as human trafficking."

• ANYONE with any information about counterfeiting is urged to call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or use their online anonymous form on www.crimestoppers-uk.org

Connecting cultures

South Indian spectacular comes to south

London

A FREE South Indian gala for all the family, featuring food-tasting, a procession and a performance by world-class dancers and actors, is being hosted by Kidbrooke School from 6pm on Friday, November 26.

Greenwich is getting London's only live appearance by The Kala Chethana Kathakali Company of major international artists from Kerala, South India, who are currently on an 11-week tour of the UK. You can be there for free by booking tickets now via Greenwich Theatre box-office on 020-8858 7755.

The school's arts college manager, Shermaine Slocombe, managed to get the troupe to come in and do a residency seven years ago.

Now they're back, and the specialist arts college in Corelli Road is working with neighbouring secondary and primary schools and local businesses to put on a 'Connecting Cultures Festival' around them. It's all being funded from The Big Lottery's Awards for All initiative.

Shermaine told GT: "The aim of the festival is to bring people of different ages, cultural backgrounds and interests together to present a major social event for the



BACK TO KIDBROOKE: the troupe from south India

benefit of the whole community.

"The Big Lottery has funded this project so it means the celebration event will be free of charge. I'd advise early booking because the tickets for the evening are going fast."

Kathakali originated in the temples of Kerala, South India, over 500 years ago and takes its

audiences into the world of legends and storytelling. Characters, like Gods, Kings, Devils and Princesses - in elaborate makeup and three-dimensional costumes - travel through time to tell their stories.

The evening - connecting South India with South London - will begin at 6pm with a range of food, information, a photographic exhibition, and stalls from local Kidbrooke businesses.

Primary school pupils will exhibit elephants they've made, and some of their costumes will also feature in the grand procession which starts at 7pm. The performance itself will be filmed.

Shermaine told us: "We have a huge theatre space at the school - and this is a

chance to show we're working with the whole community and all the different organisations out there. Anyone who wants to contribute to the hour-long showcase event from 6pm that evening can call me on 020-8331 3968."

Large eyes on a poster will welcome you into the school on the night. They're part of the designs especially created for the event by older Kidbrooke School students working for their creative and media diploma. The young people have also put posters and banners up across the borough.

• GET more information by visiting www.kathakali.net and www.kidbrooke.greenwich.sch.uk/creative/index



WOW: the show has this audience captivated

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Rio grand!

England captain scores for first club

by Peter Cordwell

A FORMER Under 13 player of amateur Eltham Town FC has returned to the club...as captain of England.

Rio Ferdinand, also of Manchester United, launched a solar-panelled heating system at the club in Eltham and told starstruck youngsters: "Stay focussed if you want to be a footballer."

"When I was your age my friends were telling me to chill out and hang around street corners but I told them: 'I'm going to football!'"

"This is where it all started for me. I played midfield and banged in loads of goals. I had a good coach here and went on to QPR and then to West Ham. So don't be put off by girls

or smoking or drinking!"

Asked what it was like to lead out the England team, Rio said: "You can't put it into words. If you could bottle the emotions you'd be a billionaire."

"When I was here we didn't have showers, we got changed in cars, so it's great that the players of today will have hot water. The solar panel will also save power and money, which is important. I tell my two boys to always turn off their lights and computer games."

For Eltham Town chairman Gordon Baldwin, 15 years at the club, it had been a nerve-wracking week but, despite the persistent rain at 'The Oaks' ground, it was also the start of a new era for the 64-year-old club.

Gordon told GT: "We've been a sleeping giant in the local football world but now we're in a position to go places. We've just got our Charter Standard so now we can apply for funding from places like the Football Foundation."

"EON, the FA Cup sponsors, who provided the solar panel. They

approached Rio as the ambassador for their nationwide green scheme. He agreed but insisted that Eltham Town were the first club to benefit from it, which was absolutely brilliant for us, a godsend. "The big solar panel, which they're putting in next week, will feed all the new lighting we've got as well providing hot water. Greenwich Council have been brilliant as well, helping us as soon as we asked anything. It's a real partnership."

The club's senior team won the London Cup last season, the Under18s won the Kent Cup and there are 31 other squads, including girls' teams. "We've got three vets teams and we even run our own darts teams," said Gordon. "We've become the Eltham Town family in the local community."

Cllr John Fahy, the council's cabinet member for culture and the Olympics, attended the launch. He told GT: "Everything about today has been great. It was wonderful of Rio to insist that Eltham Town benefited from this scheme

and it's another part of the borough that's joined the green agenda."

•TO find out more about Greenwich Council's green agenda, go to www.greenwich.gov.uk/greenergreenwich

**JUST LIKE OLD TIMES:
Rio Ferdinand goes back to Eltham Town and gets a warm welcome from the junior team**

Take-aways fined

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prosecution because its notice had not been compiled with. The Ambala restaurant and sweetshop in Plumstead High Street landed in court following a routine food hygiene inspection. Manager Omar Zahoor was found guilty of three food

hygiene offences and fined £1,680, including costs, by Woolwich magistrates. Officers found the premises in a dirty condition with mouse droppings in the kitchen, on shelves and even in sweets. Cllr Maureen O'Mara, Greenwich Council's cabinet member for community safety and

environment, said: "The vast majority of food businesses achieve good standards and are granted the council's food hygiene award, but these businesses were some of the few that didn't meet the required standards." • Find businesses that have hygiene awards at www.greenwich.gov.uk/business

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Santa cause

MORE than 2,000 Santas are expected to show up in Greenwich Park for a 5k run/jog/walk in aid of the National Autistic Society on Sunday, December 5. If you want to take part you'll be required to pay a £20 registration fee and raise at least £100 in sponsorship. For more information and to sign up call 0845 050 9001 or go to www.autism.org.uk/events

TEE FOR FREE

FREE golf lesson for beginners are being offered by Thamesview Golf Centre, Fairway Drive, Thamesmead. There will be five weekly one-hour

lessons with a PGA pro (range balls not included) for men, women and children. For more details and the next start dates call 020-8310 7975 or go to www.tvgc.co.uk

Cold comfort...

GREENWICH Council is reminding residents NOT to give out their bank details over the phone after a resident was cold-called by someone claiming to be from the Council Tax department. The council would NOT contact people in this way. Check with the Council Tax team direct via the council's contact centre on 020-8921 4661.

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Letters

Tenants contribute too!

RE John from Plumstead's letter of November 9. We tenants pay a lot of rent for many years, and the Decent Homes scheme was introduced because the homes were not up to standard.

I know we contribute towards it (yes even COUNCIL tenants) and I know many tenants would willingly pay towards certain things to do with their homes but this isn't allowed. As in my case recently, the electric was tripping now and again and I asked for an electrician to look into it. He came along and said there was too much electricity coming into



the home for the size fuse put in when the house was rewired by the Decent Homes scheme five years ago!! After finding out what appliances might have been tripping he repeatedly switched on-off lights on my newly installed shower. He subsequently ran down the stairs, pushed

the green piece of paper we have to sign and scuttled off.

I went to clean out the bath - as he had to stand in the bath - to see that he had broken my new shower. His company contracted to Greenwich Council have washed their hands of it. I have had a shower in my home since 2008 and of course if I had broken it I wouldn't expect the council to repair it but I've paid an electrician to do it out of my very basic pension, only to have it broken by an electrician employed by Greenwich Council.

Linda, Blackheath

- **We're sorry to hear about the problems you have been having and appreciate the efforts you have made to both maintain and improve your home. The council is generally happy to authorise improvements like those that you have undertaken. We're also sorry to hear about the problems that you have been having with your electricity supply and shower unit. We understand that our contractors have been in touch with you and we're confident that we will be able to resolve this situation to your satisfaction.**

Thanks for charity night support

MYSELF and Jean Weir held a charity night at the Draughts in Eltham on Saturday 30th October. It was a pink halloween night and we raised £1122.62 for Cancer

Research. We would just like to say 'thank you' to the customers and staff for a fantastic evening, and to the shop keepers of Eltham, and people who donated prizes for our

raffle. Also a big thanks to Sean and Donna, the proprietors of the Draughts who let us hold our fantastic evening of Karaoke, Disco and raffle. And they donated £200 to

the charity. Jean is our Friday night Karaoke lady and many people dressed in pink for the night. Thanks once again Paula Nottle

It could have been worse

TO the young girl who on Monday evening at about six o'clock walked out between two buses at the Blackheath Standard whilst fiddling with her i.player into the path of my car, please in future use the pedestrian crossing which was about ten seconds walk away. If it wasn't for my alertness/good brakes you could have been spending Christmas in the hospital broken bones department or even worse...

David McLaren
East Greenwich

MANY thanks to all readers who have submitted photos for the Pic Spot feature. We will try to feature them all. Ed

Pic Spot... send yours to peter@cfjournals.demon.co.uk



Write to: GT Letters, Communications Team,
Woolwich Town Hall, Wellington Street, SE18 6PW
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Anyone know of Alfred Lewis?

WE are members of the History Club at Bannockburn Primary School in Plumstead. To tie in with the topic being studied by Years 5 and 6, 'The Victorians', we are researching the life and times of a boy who attended our school (formerly Plumstead High Street School) in the 1890s. His name was Alfred Lewis. He was born in 1882 and lived in Ceres Road and Bostall Hill. His brothers and sisters were: James, Alice, Beatrice, Frederick, Charles, Daisy and Clara.

His parents were Charles Isaac and Harriett Elizabeth Lewis (nee Farr). If you are descended from this family, we would be delighted if you could share some information and photographs with us. Please be reassured that our researches are limited to the Victorian era and we will not be investigating anyone living. We look forward to hearing from you and can be contacted via Ms O'Boyle on 020-8854 2169.

Klara, Keiran, Aaliyah, Tobias, Muskan and Mark

- **COME on, you Addicks! Suddenly Charlton are promotion contenders again following some almost unbelievable results, not least the 5-1 win at promotion rivals Peterborough. I just hope the premature boozers of manager Phil Parkinson are reflecting on that now.**

P. Josh, Kidbrooke

OUR Star Letter writer will win two tickets to a Charlton Athletic match at The Valley for the 2010/11 season, so get writing! For information on 2010/11 season tickets please visit www.caafc.co.uk or call 0871 226 1905.



Eltham's honesty policy

READING about the honest shoppers who returned the money after the botched robbery on Eltham High Street really restored my faith in mankind. It's all doom and gloom at the moment for many people, but despite the recession the honest folk picked up the cash and gave it back to the shop. Just £150 missing from thousands stolen was testament to the good people of Eltham, although probably no one would mind a £10 reward for each of the helpers! All we seem to hear about is how London is such a dangerous and dishonest place, but stories like this go to show that that's a load of codswallop!

Brian Jarvis, Eltham

Never forget their sacrifice

War dead remembered in special tributes

A SERIES of Remembrance Day ceremonies took place across the borough over the weekend, with a host of people taking the opportunity to pay their respects to the brave men and women who lost their lives while serving this country at war.

They were organised by local branches of the Royal British Legion and took place at Plumstead and Woolwich, Charlton and Blackheath and Abbey Wood and Eltham.

A two-minute silence was also held at Woolwich Town Hall at 11am on November 11. Greenwich Mayor Barbara Barwick was joined by councillors, religious leaders, veterans, members of the public and Greenwich Council staff.

The Mayor told GT: "I was extremely pleased to be among so many people taking the opportunity to pay their respects to those that gave their lives for the peace and freedom we enjoy in this country today. Whether it was attending one of the ceremonies or just acknowledging the two-minute silence, the event is a rare moment when as a whole nation, with people from many cultures and other faiths, we can stand together, reflect on the price of freedom and honour the bravery and sacrifice of others."

• A LONE veteran laid a wreath at Woolwich's Firepower museum on Monday, November 15.

Sgt Alan Tizzard of the Westminster Dragoons and the Chairman of the National Service Veterans Alliance laid a wreath beneath the plaque on the wall of the main exhibits hall. The plaque marks the contribution of local people who helped to maintain world peace when they were conscripted into HM Armed Forces from the end of WW2 in 1945.

• FIFTEEN-year-old Matthew Jupp raised £130 which he presented to the Royal British Legion on Remembrance Sunday. Matthew, of Wickham Lane Abbey Wood, raised the money by organising poppy and cake sales as well as presenting an assembly at Eltham Foundation school.

• PUPILS at the Newhaven Centre raised money for the British Legion by selling poppies in the run up to a visit by two ex-servicemen on November 11.



IN THEIR HONOUR: left, a memorial lists the name of locals who died in the great wars, right, Sgt Alan Tizzard lays a wreath at the Firepower museum



IN TRIBUTE: the Mayor Barbara Barwick pays her respects with Tom McDonnell, a member of the Eltham and Well Hall branch of the Royal British Legion



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Support for children needing extra help

MANY families are still missing out on benefits and tax credits - especially families with children who need extra help.

A child may need more help due to a long-term illness or disability (including emotional and behavioural problems, mental health support needs, development delay or other learning difficulties).

Greenwich Council wants to make sure that families with children with additional care needs are getting all the

benefits and allowances they should and that they get advice about activities, services and childcare options available to them.

Some children who need extra help can get a benefit called Disability Living Allowance (DLA). People who get DLA for their child may also be able to get other linked benefits such as Carers Allowance or extra Child Tax Credit.

To check if you are missing out on benefits or tax credits call Greenwich Council's Welfare Rights Advice Line for

a free benefits check on 020 8921 6375 (or 18001 020-8921 6375 for textphone users).

You can also contact the service using an online enquiry form by visiting Greenwich Council's website at www.greenwich.gov.uk and selecting 'Benefits and Grants'. The website also includes more information about benefits for families.

For information about childcare options and children's activities ring Greenwich Families Information Service on 020 8921 6921.

London Borough of Greenwich

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Date: 24/11/2010

Steve Ealerts - Chief Planning Officer

Applicant: Miss Helen Spreadbury

56A FOYLE ROAD, BLACKHEATH, LONDON, SE3 7RH

Development: Installation of replacement timber windows and decking to rear of property.

Drawing Numbers: Decking 1, Decking 2, Reference 1 & 1a, Reference 2, Reference 3 & 3a, Reference 4, Reference 5, Reference 6, Reference 7 (all with accompanying photographs), Plan No 1, 2 and site plan.

Library: Blackheath Library, Old Dover Road, Blackheath, SE3 7BT

Conservation Area: WESTCROME PARK

Applicant: Ms Laura Hoep Nevada Street Deli Ltd.

THE NEVADA STREET DELI, 8 NEVADA STREET, GREENWICH, LONDON, SE10 9JL

Development: Change of use from (A1) Delicatessen to (A3) Restaurant

Drawing Numbers: 309/1, Design & Access Statement, Supporting Statement and Site Plan

Library: West Greenwich Library, Greenwich High Road SE10 9NN

Conservation Area: WEST GREENWICH

Applicant: Miss Vanessa Adlard English Heritage

THE OLD TENNIS COURTS, ELTHAM PALACE AND GARDENS, COURT YARD, ELTHAM, SE9 5QE

Development: Occasional use of temporary marquees for private functions. (Consultation) THIS IS A DEPARTURE FROM THE UNILY DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Drawing Numbers: Design & Access Statement, Habitat Survey (October 2010), site plan and Notes under Article 4.

Library: Eltham Library, Eltham High Street SE9 2HA

Conservation Area: ELTHAM PALACE

Applicant: Mr Richard Dougherty Cutty Sark Trust:

THE CUTTY SARK, CUTTY SARK GARDENS, GREENWICH, LONDON, SE10 9HT

Development: Construction of 3 new shafts as part of the works for Cutty Sark Conservation Project.

Drawing Numbers: PA-L000, 200 Rev 01, 202 Rev 01, 203 Rev 01, 204 Rev 01, 220 Rev 01, 231 Rev 01, 232 Rev 01, 233 Rev 01, 260 Rev 01, 265 Rev 01

Library: Rev 01 and Rent Statement Application for Planning Report (October 2010)

Conservation Area: West Greenwich Library, Greenwich High Road SE10 9NN

GREENWICH PARK

Applicant: Edina Restaurants Ltd Mr Eddie Ertan

29-31 GREENWICH CHURCH STREET, GREENWICH, LONDON, SE10 9BZ

Development: Refurbishment of shop front and installation of security grille and 2 ornate wall light fittings.

Drawing Numbers: P01 L, P02 Rev A and Site Location Plan

Library: West Greenwich Library, Greenwich High Road SE10 9NN

Conservation Area: WEST GREENWICH

Applicant: Blackheath Preparatory School

BLACKHEATH PREPARATORY SCHOOL, 4 ST GERMAINS PLACE, BLACKHEATH, LONDON, SE3 0NH

Development: Installation of an external fire escape staircase to the Prep Block.

Drawing Numbers: 505/1/GI, 505/1/G2, Design & Access Statement and Site Location Plan

Library: Blackheath Library, Old Dover Road, Blackheath, SE3 7BT

Conservation Area: BLACKHEATH

Applicant: Mr Waldock

73 VANBRUGH PARK, BLACKHEATH, LONDON, SE3 7QJ

Development: Construction of a 2-storey rear extension

RECONSULTATION

Drawing Numbers: Allocated Drawing Number: D1, D2, Design & Access Statement, Block Plan and Site Location Plan

Library: Blackheath Library, Old Dover Road, Blackheath, SE3 7BT

Conservation Area: BLACKHEATH

Applicant: Dr Wijesurendra

27 SHOOTERS HILL ROAD, BLACKHEATH, LONDON, SE3 7AS

Development: Construction of a two storey rear side extension, installation of a side rooflight and internal alterations (Resubmission).

Drawing Numbers: 005 Rev 01, 006 Rev 02, 007 Rev 02, 008 Rev 01, 010 Rev 01, 011 Rev 02 and Design & Access Statement

Library: Blackheath Library, Old Dover Road, Blackheath, SE3 7BT

Conservation Area: BLACKHEATH

Publicity For Planning Applications

10/1033/F

Applicant: Mr P. OMFI, OMFI & Son Limited

MAYBLOOM WORKING MEN'S CLUB, 248 BOSTALL HILL, ABBEY WOOD, LONDON, SE2 0RA

10/3021/F

Development: Demolition of existing building and construction of a new club and 9 flats and two free houses with associated car parking and landscaping.

Drawing Numbers: 2152/1/P01, P02 6, P03, P04 A, P05, P06 A, P07 A, P08 A, P11 A, P12 A, P13 A, P14 A, P15 A, P16 A, P17 A, P18 A, P19 A, P20 A, P21 A, P22 A, P23 A, P24 A, P25 A, P26 A, P27 A, P28 A, P29 A, P30 A, P31 A, Tree Constraints Plan, Design and Access Statement, Contaminated Land Risk Assessment, Ecological Report, Energy Assessment, Parking Study Survey, Transport Assessment, Sustainable Construction Statement and Model SI 61 (Draft) document.

Library: Plumstead Library, Plumstead High Street SE18 0JL

10/1578/F

Applicant: Mr Gullam Alzay Sterling Enterprises UK

HISTORIC LONDON, 47-49 GREENWICH CHURCH STREET, GREENWICH, LONDON, SE10 9BL

10/3074/F

Development: Removal of repainted shop front.

Drawing Numbers: A/L-00/Rev A, A/E-10/Rev A, A/E-30/Rev A and letter dated 5 November 2010

Library: West Greenwich Library, Greenwich High Road SE10 9NN

Conservation Area: WEST GREENWICH

10/1993/F

Applicant: Dr Wijesurendra

27 SHOOTERS HILL ROAD, BLACKHEATH, LONDON, SE3 7AS

10/3020/L

Development: Construction of a two storey side side extension, installation of a side rooflight and internal alterations (Resubmission).

Drawing Numbers: 005 Rev 01, 006 Rev 02, 007 Rev 02, 008 Rev 01, 009 Rev 01, 010 Rev 02, 011 Rev 02 and Design & Access Statement.

Library: Blackheath Library, Old Dover Road, Blackheath, SE3 7BT

Conservation Area: BLACKHEATH

10/2994/F

Applicant: Mason Developments Ltd

ENDERBY HOUSE, CHRISTCHURCH WAY, GREENWICH

10/3064/L

Development: Alterations to Enderby House to include the enlargement of existing window to create door access from the east at lower ground ground, first floor level, external refurbishment of the west, south and north elevations. Removal of the bridge link to existing adjacent building, erection of an extension to the east of the existing building and internal alterations and refurbishment works to the existing building.

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Digi-we-do well

Locals learn skills for the digital age

by Hilary Bryan

IT'S all clicking into place for residents who are learning new skills for the digital age.

Dozens of local people have started courses at Greenwich Digital Skills - the new training centre which opened on the campus of Ravensbourne college last month.

The skills centre is a joint initiative by Greenwich Council and Ravensbourne. It has been created to help local residents and businesses get into the digital and design industries and offers vocational training, enterprise courses, and courses in design and digital media. The centre is also making links with local schools so they can involve pupils with projects and use them as test audiences.

The short courses are designed to give local people an introduction and help them develop the basic skills they need to get into the design and broadcast industries.

They range from web design and graphic design to fashion illustration. There are also introductory courses in sound design, animation, video and film production.

Courses are discounted to Greenwich residents and are available for as little as £1 an hour for jobhunters or those on benefits.

Builder David Miles has just started a six-week course in web design. The 33-year-old from Eltham said: "The building work is on and off and it's quite hard physically."

I used to do some graphic design for a living but I've been out of it for so long that it would be hard for me to get back into it. I'm doing the web design and an InDesign course and I'm hoping to go into website design. It'll be nice to get back into an office and sit down for a living."

He added: "We're using a programme called Dreamweaver that I've never used before so I'm definitely learning new things. It's brilliant that the council and the college have got together in this way. I also signed up with GLLaB when I first became unemployed and I've done loads through them over the months."

Fellow student Raza Syed is doing the web design course so that he can manage



STUDIO TIME:
the college
offers the
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two websites he runs.

The journalist set up two online newspapers for the Pakistani community three years ago producing news items in Urdu and English.

He told GT: "At the moment I'm dependant on others to manage my websites so I'm hoping to enhance my skills on the internet so that I will be able to manage my own websites."

The 48-year-old father of two said: "It's a very good programme and I'm already planning to do further courses in film making and production. This centre is all about preparing the next generation for new technology and it offers a great chance for people who want to learn new skills - now my 12 year old daughter is also keen to set up her own website."

Cllr Denise Hyland, Greenwich Council's cabinet member for regeneration, enterprise and skills, said: "It's great to see that Greenwich residents are benefiting from the new Digital Skills Centre, which is the result of a unique partnership between the council and the college. The centre is offering a wide range of courses which will help local people develop new skills and improve their prospects of getting work in the design and digital media industries, which are becoming increasingly important to the economy."

Back from Afghanistan

TERRITORIAL Army soldier Geoff Styles is back home safe and sound in Woolwich, after a gruelling six months supporting army bomb disposal experts in Afghanistan.

Ranger Geoff, 35, is with the London Regiment and was attached to the 1st Battalion, the Scots Guards. He was part of the Guards' Counter Improvised Explosive Devices (CIED) team, a mobile unit which deals with 'home-made' bombs manufactured by the Taliban. He told GT: "I did close protection work - effectively acting as the bodyguard for the expert doing the bomb disposal. I was just a week into the job when I got shot at,



FACING THE FUTURE: Ranger Geoff with automatic fire and grenades. Thankfully, none of my colleagues or I suffered any injuries. You expect to get shot at,

but it's difficult to prepare yourself beforehand for what it actually is like. You have to deal with 50 degree heat while wearing full kit. You are given a bit of time to acclimatise, but you never really get used to it."

• WOOLWICH lawyer Ed Broadhurst has returned to civvy street after a six month stint in Afghanistan. The 35-year-old who has been in the territorial army for six years returned from the mission six weeks ago. The infantryman served with the Lancashire Regiment in Helmand Province, providing security for local nationals and facilitating the building of a school.

Borough BRIEFS

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IS your dog in pain with arthritis? Book your place now at a free advice workshop this Thursday, November 25. The session, backed by business sponsorship, runs from 7.30pm until 9pm at Meridian Sports and Social Club in Charlton. For more details, contact Barrier Animal Care Clinic on 020-8293 6580 or visit www.wellpetclinic.co.uk

STEP OUT FOR PARK RUN

IT'S no walk in the park but Parkrun is a great way to get fit and enjoy the charms of the best green spaces in Greenwich. That's the claim of organisers and volunteers who take part in weekly 5km runs against the clock. Greenwich's Parkrun was set up in March and has run over 30 events. It takes place in Avery Hill Park from 9am on Saturdays.

• Get further details at www.parkrun.com

Elisa's got the Blues

IN last week's Me and my Borough we reported that Elisa McCafferty had been living in Woolwich for six years, when in fact she has resided there for nine months. Also the caption suggested she was an Arsenal fan but she is an avid follower of Chelsea.



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Ripples of fun at charity splash

BE upstanding once again for the Worshipful Mayor of Greenwich! After weeks of planning and training, lifelong swimmer Cllr Barbara Barwick rallied family, friends and contacts to complete a unique sponsored 'charity splash' last Tuesday. This week they're counting the pennies and they hope to raise as much cash as possible for Greenwich Starting Blocks Trust. It's a charity helping young athletes from all over the borough with small grants so they stand the best possible chance of competing in future Olympic Games. Council leader Cllr Chris Roberts, who is chair of the Starting Blocks trustees, said: "As always, our Mayor leads by example by supporting a very worthwhile cause." He added: "Money raised from this event will result in Starting Blocks continuing its work in



MERMAIDS: the Mayor and her team Tammy Doncaster and Isobel Lees, plus her daughter Sophie (second from the right)

funding potential Olympians for 2012, 2016 - and beyond."

See next week's GT for the full story.

© Greenwich Leisure Limited (GLL), which co-ordinated the Mayor's swim event, is hosting the first Swimming Championships to involve all five of the host boroughs for the London 2012 Olympics this

Saturday, November 27, at The Eltham Centre pool. Participants, aged nine and over, from clubs and schools across the host boroughs, will be given the opportunity to celebrate the forthcoming 2012 games together at this special event. Doors open at 5pm and spectators and supporters are welcome.

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Mayor is put under 'arrest'

MAYOR of Greenwich Barbara Barwick proved the perfect suspect when she was "arrested" during her visit to the weekly meeting of the Greenwich Volunteer Police Cadets. She matched the description of the suspect who had robbed a Rap star of his necklace while walking in Greenwich.

Cllr Barwick was a formidable adversary in the role play exercise but no match for the three cadets - Gabi Dabek, Rebecca Ballard and Passi Mbaya - acting as police officers who soon recovered the necklace and arrested the guilty lady. Cllr Barwick said: "Organisations like the

Volunteer Police Cadets show how focussed and disciplined our young people can be. All we hear about in the media is young people behaving badly, being violent and aggressive. "The V.P.C. show young people in a very different light as they prepare to be the responsible citizens that we need for the future."



CAUGHT RED HANDED:
Greenwich
Mayor
Barbara
Barwick is
'arrested'
by cadets



SIGNS ARE LOOKING GOOD:
Waterside Close residents
get it together

It's looking up down by the Riverside

New association pledges pride in the community

by Peter Cordwell

THERE'S a great new sense of community down by the Waterside following the launch by barbecue of a residents' association.

With help from Greenwich Council and Trust Thamesmead, the Waterside Close Residents' Association (WCRA) is up and running with a fully-fledged strategy up to 2012 and beyond.

Chair Liz Simpson told GT: "We have all invested into the regeneration of the area, in our homes and we are determined to change the perception of Thamesmead. We're all determined to go from strength to strength with the WCRA."

The association grew out of an action group following the bankruptcy of developers on the site and various issues like



FOOD FOR THOUGHT: association members at the start of a new era

building work not being completed and health and safety problems.

Liz said: "Over the last 18 months we have been working

as an action group to lobby our ward councillors who have helped us to get to where we are today. For example, we now have a working group set

up with the council's help.

"With further support from Trust Thamesmead, we now have now formed a fully constituted association that was launched at the barbecue.

"Although we have a long way to go, the sense of community and neighbourhood spirit at the barbecue was fantastic. Neighbours lending chairs, tables, gazebos or cooking rice salads and even providing candy floss - it was a great team effort."

"It was great to hear the conversations as neighbours met for the first time - and the warmth was demonstrable."

The association's committee of volunteers is made of various professional people and Liz said: "If the barbecue was an example, I'm confident we can make Waterside Close a great place to live."

Have YOUR say on cycling in the borough

THE benefits of cycling for people and the planet have been well documented - but what exactly can Greenwich Council do to help residents young and old get involved on two wheels?

The council is undertaking a Best Value Review (BVR) on the subject - exploring ways in which cycling in the borough can be improved - and the best people to ask is YOU!

The review, chaired by Cllr Mary Mills, will examine the opportunities and challenges of extending cycling capacity and facilities across Greenwich.

An online survey is asking cyclists, potential cyclists and even people with no intention of taking up cycling to provide feedback.

The survey should take no more than five minutes and the results will help the council to identify the key issues, look at possible solutions, and help shape the direction of cycling provision in Greenwich.

Cllr Mills said: "Increased take-up of cycling can have impacts on a wide range of issues, including environmental, social and health, as well as offering a shift to more sustainable transport choices."

Go to www.greenwich.gov.uk/haveyoursay

Share a family tale for Census competition

ORGANISERS of the 2011 Census are asking residents to share their best family stories from times gone by - and you could win top-of-the-range digital photo equipment!

The Office for National Statistics is running a national competition in the run-up to the census in March. People can enter the 'Then and Now: family stories' online competition by submitting a story of 250-500 words and uploading two family photographs to illustrate it by midnight on December 3.

Cllr Peter Brooks, deputy leader of Greenwich Council, told GT: "It's absolutely vital that everyone takes part in the census because it's used to decide how much funding the borough gets. This competition is a great way to get into the spirit by celebrating the rich, wonderful stories we know are at the heart of our families and communities."

Further information at: www.census.gov.uk/2011thenandnow. Locals can still apply for jobs as census collectors or coordinators. Go to the jobs section on the council's website at www.greenwich.gov.uk or click on www.censusjobs.co.uk

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Birds in hand

by Pat Greenwood

PARK Friends can encourage more feathered friends to their secluded gem of a space, thanks to a £500 grant from the Council's 'Greenwich Pride' initiative.

Devotees of St Alfege Park, down St Alfege Passage off Greenwich's bustling town centre, have spent 18 months, helping borough maintenance staff to spruce up the wooded public grounds behind the parish church.

Now they've spent their small grant on materials to make four bird-feeding stations and 20 nesting-boxes. They've filled the feeders with fat-balls and seed mixture and they're waiting to see what happens!

Friends' chairman Tim Delap, a retired businessman who now has eight grandchildren, first moved to the borough almost 40 years ago.

He told GT: "We were delighted to receive the money, and we hope to encourage more small birds such as robins, wrens, blue tits, sparrows, and blackbirds to nest in the park and adopt it as their habitat.

"Our aim is to increase the biodiversity of our park, and our group has worked hard over the last three months to get the 'small birds' project up and running."

The Friends and their children and grandchildren have been busy bird-spotting during the summer and recording the data, so they can compare the "feathered friends" population by next Spring.

Tim's eight-year-old grandson, Jesse, who visits Greenwich regularly, told GT: "First, we divided the park into squares,

'We haven't got much of a garden ourselves, and this park is becoming a real 'family place' for everyone'

Grant helps park friends
care for wildlife



FLYING START: Friends of St Alfege Park launch their project

and, when we looked at the top right-hand part, we recorded about six sparrows. We also saw a magpie close to the children's playground. My brother, Callum, who's aged four, saw six pigeons."

Lloyd Evans, aged five, a pupil at James Wolfe Primary School in nearby Randall Place, also enjoys the park with his family.

Dad Bill, a lawyer, said: "We haven't done any bird-monitoring yet, but we've come over and helped with some of the weeding. "We haven't got much of a garden ourselves, and this park is becoming a real 'family place' for everyone."

Cllr Rajwant Sidhu, the Council's cabinet member for a Greener Greenwich, told the

"Friends": "This is a wonderful idea, and we are really proud of you. Thank you for working so hard at ground-level."

"That's what 'Greener Greenwich' is all about."

Cllr Maureen O'Mara, his cabinet colleague for environment and community safety, came along too to give her support.

She said: "St Alfege Park 'Friends', like all the other similar groups across our borough, do invaluable work, keeping an eye on the parks and keeping them looking good."

• The Friends of St Alfege Park was formed in May 2009. They've just successfully landed a grant from a London 2012 initiative called 'Changing Places' for a greenhouse, and they've also applied for cash-help to get some picnic tables.

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FOOTBALL FUN: Chloe Dunn, 8 kicks the ball, and right, Chloe and her classmates

Pupils at a Shooters Hill primary feel the benefits of a groundbreaking programme to aid mobility



THE work of a UK charity is helping disabled children as old as 10-years-old to walk for the first time.

Since MOVE introduced its pilot scheme into Willow Dene primary three years ago, teachers have been staggered by the results and now use the programme on a daily basis. The programme helps the children develop movement through fun activities like the one held earlier this month – a day of World Cup football themed events.

Deputy head at the school, Rachel Harrison told GT: "MOVE is a way of teaching mobility. It's something that will help in later life.

"It's quite revolutionary – the thinking used to be that if a child hadn't started walking by age five they never would. We have now had children who have started walking at 10-years-old."

Of course the scheme would be nothing without the work of the school's

by Rod Kitson

dedicated staff, without which a lot of the children would develop health difficulties as they get older.

Rachel added: "It's really rewarding to see children who two years ago were all in wheelchairs and now they are walking around – they are so clever!" To celebrate its success the charity held a special World Cup day on November 10 at the school on Swingate Lane.

The weather was clear and pupils took

It's really rewarding to see children who were in wheelchairs walking around...

the chance to get outside and kick a ball around the school grounds in a football relay.

The deputy head at the 160-pupil school said: "The results we see every day are truly amazing. It might not sound like much, but seeing your child sit on a normal chair, or stand up by holding onto the edge of the table, is a life-changing moment for parents of those with disabilities. To these children, improved mobility means the chance to play with their friends and siblings and to explore their own environment, at their own pace. National MOVE Day at Willow Dene is a great opportunity to mark these successes and to thank everyone involved in making them happen."

- For further information on the MOVE Programme please see www.move-europe.org.uk or contact move@move-europe.org.uk

Take a trip to the lights fantastic

GREENWICH town centre launches its Christmas festivities with a lantern procession by local children before the lights are switched on.

The town lights up tomorrow (November 24) with Christmas-themed events running from 4-7pm. The parade ends in the market where children can visit Father Christmas in his grotto as well as meet characters from Greenwich Theatre's pantomime, Cinderella.

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in his Greenwich Grotto on November 24 and the weekend of November 27 and 28, and at weekends throughout December until the 19th.

- The Maritime Greenwich World Heritage Site Christmas website www.visitgreenwich.org.uk/christmas goes live tomorrow, with 24 windows opening to reveal details of a festive events.
- On Saturday, December 4 there is a Fair Trade Market at the Eltham Centre in Archery Road, Eltham from 11 am – 4 pm with a range of gifts for Christmas including tea, coffee, jewellery and even skincare products for sale.

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COUNCIL MEETINGS

THE following meetings are taking place over the next few days in the Town Hall, Wellington Street (unless otherwise stated).

Nov 29 - Diversity Review Board, 7pm, Devonport House, King William Walk, Greenwich.

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SECONDARY school education at five Greenwich schools is set to be transformed by the end of next year. Pupils at every age and from all parts of the community, will be able to share in the benefits of classroom space, plus state-of-the-art sports halls, along with IT, creative arts and more.

Jewels among

ONE of the UK's first big comprehensive schools is getting a £50m makeover to turn it into a state-of-the-art campus for 1,800 students.

Leaders at Crown Woods school have been shaping the future vision of Crown Woods College for the last five years.

It is being built on the site of the current 1,600-pupil comp in Riefield Road, Eltham, where the old buildings will be demolished to make way for the new sports-grounds.

Headteacher Mike Murphy and his team have looked at similar blueprints from diverse locations as New York to Clacton on our own East coast, and he told us: "Our remit was to be both radical and innovative. From next summer-term, we'll be in four 'home schools' here on campus, each with its own separate garden and play area."

The school will return to its old house system with four houses called 'Ashdown', 'Delamere', 'Sherwood' - plus

'Arden' for its 450 post-16 students.

"We believe students will operate much more effectively in a small school where teachers will know each one of them extremely well, and where they will feel comfortable - so it's not that huge, jarring change, coming from a relatively small primary school into a secondary school," Mike explained.

Each of the small schools will have its own headboy and headgirl and there will also be two top student-reps for the overall college, as well as the present quota of around 70 prefects.

There will also be a new system of 'tutor-prefects' which will give students the option of going to each other for advice as well as to an adult.

Current students have helped design a new uniform for the new college, which includes ties of different colours for each of the 'home schools' while the girls will have blouses in differing pastel-shades.

The buzz has begun out in the community that Crown

'I'm looking forward to doing PE, English and Science in the new blocks. I already enjoy doing practical science here in the labs'



Woods College, Eltham, is going to be a great place to study from next summer, according to deputy headboy Diwas Bastola.

Diwas, 15, told us: "It's looking good! I've been going round, speaking to friends from other schools, and everyone seems to be hearing about it, because it will be so big. It seems like it will be a real 'hot spot'."

Headgirl Nadine James, 16, admits Crown Woods seemed like a really big school after her experience at nearby Wyborne Primary School. But she told us: "It will be good in the new college, however, because teachers will know every pupil. It will also give us a still wider variety of options - and new ways to learn."

Isabel Hollingum, 15, who plays flute, guitar and some piano, is really looking forward to the new William Morris creative arts, design and construction suite. "We're going to have two recording studios," she told GT.

Oliver Riley, 13, is looking forward to the floodlit sports pitches and said: "Having floodlit pitches here means we can play longer after school."

Headboy Harry Skye, 15, likes the idea of the new sports complex, incorporating fitness science suites and classrooms, and also having the top-class facilities to attract athletes from all over the world in the run-up to London 2012.

He said: "The Olympic athletes coming in, as well as the behind-the-scenes activities, like the physiotherapy and the sports-science, will encourage kids who are maybe not interested in 'sport' to get involved."

Josh Bunce, 11, reckons Crown Woods School has already been a good choice for him. "I'm looking forward to doing PE, English and Science in the new blocks. I already enjoy doing practical science here in the labs."

Mike Nahimana, 14, said: "I heard about the new buildings last year. It's really exciting how life for Crown



THE gradual transformation of Plumstead Manor School and its NEGUS Sixth Form centre is under way.

First off, Greenwich Council has authorised demolition of the old Prince Albert pub, adjacent former vicarage and old School House.

A high-tech Performing Arts Centre, fronting Plumstead Common, will be on the site by Easter, 2013. It will have an environmentally-friendly 'green roof' and acoustics to the highest professional level.

Most of the NEGUS classes have moved to the old St Paul's Academy site on Wickham Lane, Abbey Wood, this term, so there is room for the 1,200-pupil girls' school to function as

A high-tech

building work starts. Plumstead Manor's total renewal will start in January with the overhaul of its Waverley Block.

The present Edwardian school, which started life as Kings Warren Girls' School for Girls, is going to get a new theatre, bigger sports hall and state-of-the-art science and computer suites. There will be an enlarged courtyard in the front, and a walkway will lead to the new sixth form and vocational learning centre at the back. Headteacher Sue Flanagan, who came to the school one year ago, told GT:

the middle of the next decade. Young people aged 11 to 18, along with residents of the massive 'Building Schools for the Future' programme, which will bring more media suites, to a range of new-look campuses. PAT GREENWOOD went to visit the

ng the Crown



ALL IN THE PLANNING: left, Crown Woods headteacher Mike Murphy examines the plans with pupils Henry, Oliver, Isabel and Mike. Above, an artist impression of the remodelled Thomas Tallis school



ROOMS TO BE VIEWED: an artist's impression of Plumstead Manor's new performing arts centre and left, the vocational learning centre

performing arts centre for Plumstead Manor

"Plumstead Manor, is a high performing specialist school for Performing Arts, Humanities and Applied Learning. We achieved our best ever exam results this year and the school is very popular and oversubscribed."

She added: "We are very pleased that Greenwich Council has agreed to the early demolition works so we can make a start early in the New Year on the transformation of the whole site. "The proposed building works have been planned so that our students' learning will not be disturbed, and

we're working towards the best possible outcomes for our school." Frank Lerner, the Chair of Governors, said: "Governors have been working on an additional building for the school since 2000. I am pleased to say, that the programme has now started. We are very relieved because we thought that the new government would cut our programme along with hundreds of others." Cllr Jackie Smith, the Greenwich Council cabinet member for children and young people, said: "Building Schools for the Future will give the

opportunity to young people across our borough to share in the benefits of teaching spaces, creative arts suites and sports-complexes."

She added: "We continue to set a high priority on raising standards and ensuring that every child in Greenwich receives a first-class education.

"Well-designed school buildings and modern facilities will help to give future generations here in this borough the best possible start."

● For more information about schools in the borough visit www.greenwich.gov.uk/schools

New sports facilities will be part of 2012 legacy

LIKE Crown Woods, the new-look Thomas Tallis School in Kidbrooke Park Road is due to open next year.

The outside of the new buildings is already finished. Now builders have started fitting internal partitions and installing gas, water, electricity and computer-cables in the new buildings, and grass seed has been planted on the sports field to ensure the playing field is ready for use when the new school opens.

Thomas Tallis is a Specialist Arts College with a strong focus on Creative and Media. The new school will be much bigger and there will be state-of-the-art multi-media, science and performance spaces. There will also be recording and TV-broadcast studios. An extra £6.5m is going on enhanced sports facilities, which are funded by Greenwich Council and will be open to the local community. It's part of the council's overall initiative to encourage increasing numbers of local residents into health and fitness before and after 2012. Rob Thomas, the headteacher at Thomas Tallis, said: "We are committed to helping our students to achieve the highest standards, and are confident that the new school building will offer excellent facilities in which they can learn and develop."

ELTHAM Hill Technology College is also due to be completely transformed by the summer of 2013. Three-quarters of the campus will be new, and the rest will be in the refurbished original 1920s school. It means the technology college will be bigger and it will be able to take 150 post-16 students. There will also be a new sports pitch, landscaping and car parking. The first phase of building involves demolishing the existing buildings in the north east corner of the site to leave space for the new main school building and the new sports hall. Then the whole school will move into two new buildings, while the second phase, involving demolition work and refurbishment, gets underway.

The present 1,200-pupil John Roan School is set to be partially rebuilt by the middle of the next decade. The scheme involves full rebuilding of the lower school in Westcombe Park Road and refurbishment/modernisation of the upper school at Maze Hill. It will include a new Designated Special Provision for 16 students with Autistic Spectrum Disorder.

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4 Bed House Garden
Rad C/H. £112.96 pw
Bands A&B
Pref. to Employment



Ref Number: 120779
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Important Notice
Please note the closing date to register your bids for advertised properties will be **every Sunday at midnight.**

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Bands A&B priority applicants

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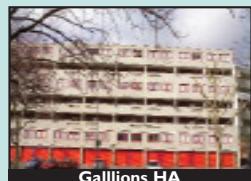
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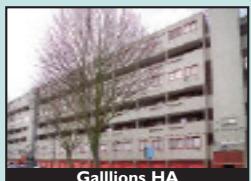
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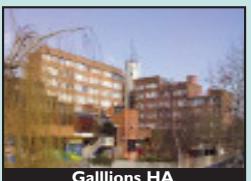
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Min. 1 Child. Band C



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1 Bed 1st Floor Flat
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Rad C/H. £68.64 pw
Band C



Ref Number: 120575
Ethel Brooks House
Eglington Road SE18
1 Bed Grnd Floor Flat
Rad C/H. £70.96 pw
Band C



Ref Number: 120615
Ormsby Point
Vincent Road SE18
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Rad C/H. £75.65 pw
Min. 1 Child. Band C



Ref Number: 120776
Weymouth Place
Combwell Cres. SE2
4 Bed House Gdn
Rad C/H. £112.96 pw
Min. 4 Child. 1 Under 16
LBG Tenants. Band C



Ref Number: 120995
Bayeux Hse
Springfield Grove
SE7 2 Bed 3rd Floor Flat
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£104.46 pw No Dogs.
Max. 1 Child Band C



Ref Number: 121035
Raymond Postgate
Crt Tawney Road
SE28 1 Bed 5th Floor
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Only applicants aged 50+ can apply



Number: 120115
Heavitree Close
SE18
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Band C



Ref Number: 120820
James Newman
Court
Great Harry Drive SE9
Bedsit 1st Floor Flat
Unlifted £71.32 pw
Band C

Mutual Exchange – Swapping your home

Council and Housing Association Tenants can exchange their property with another tenant. From April 2006 applicants who have registered for a mutual exchange will be able to find suitable swaps through the Greenwich Homes website www.greenwich.gov.uk/homes. For more information about this scheme contact the Allocations Team on **020 8921 2941**.

Sheltered Housing

If you are 55 or over then you may consider sheltered housing provided by the Council or housing association. Sheltered blocks have a Scheme Manager on hand to provide help and support if needed. Sheltered housing is a good option for older people who can live independently, but would feel more secure within this environment.

Choice hotline 020 8921 4340

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Sheltered / Retirement Housing

Sheltered Housing provides independence in a secure and friendly environment. Each Sheltered Scheme has a Scheme Manager who is the main source of support. There is 24 hour cover from the Telecare Service. The age criteria is over 60 years, but we can consider people over 55years with a support need. If you are interested in Sheltered housing please ring **0208 921 2671/2685**. All applications are subject to a Sheltered Housing Assessment.



Our current vacancies include: (several ready to let)

One Person Properties

Collerston House, Armitage Road, Greenwich, SE10

Cooper Court, Herbert Road, Plumstead, SE18, 1st Floor studio Flat.

Defiance Walk, Woolwich Dockyard, SE18, 2nd Floor Studio Flat.

Garnett close, Eltham, SE9, 2ND Floor Studio Flat.

Green Lawns, Woolwich, SE18, 2nd Floor Studio Flat

Haven Lodge, Woolwich SE18, Ground floor Studio Flat

Hider Court, Shooters Hill, 1bed, 1 person, 1st floor flat

Langton Way, Blackheath, SE3, Ground floor, Studio Flat.

Len Clifton House, Woolwich SE18, Ground floor Studio flat

40 Littleheath, Charlton SE7, 2nd floor Studio flat.

Mandela House, Plumstead, SE18 2ND floor Studio Flat

Minnie Bennett House, Shooters Hill Road, 3rd floor, Studio Flat

Sarah Turnball House, Woolwich SE18 , 3rd Floor Studio flat.

Strand Court, Plumstead SE18, Ground Floor Studio Flat.

174 Swingate Lane, Plumstead Common SE18, 3rd Floor Studio Flat.

Wentworth House, Charlton Road, SE3, 3rd floor Studio Flat.

Two Person Properties

Bill Walden House, Woolwich, SE18, 1Bed 1st floor flat

All the above properties are liftet unless stated.

This is what happened to the homes advertised in issue 209

Address	Property rooms	Type	No of Bids	Reg date of successful app	Band
Mill Court Titmuss Avenue SE28 8BX	1	FLAT	120	31/07/2008	C
Lipton Close SE28 8LE	3	HOUSE	285	13/09/2004	C
Elmgrove Point Walmer Terrace SE18	2	FLAT	30	12/11/2009	B
Kingsley Wood Drive SE9 3AS	2	FLAT	45	17/11/2009	B
Harold Wilson House Arnott Close SE28 8BD	1	FLAT	78	19/03/2009	C
Engineers Close SE18 4DB	3	HOUSE	56	09/04/2008	B
John Wilson Street SE18 6QJ	1	FLAT	270	05/02/2008	C
Frances Street SE18 5JZ	1	FLAT	191	14/07/2005	C
Southwood Road SE9 3QN	2	FLAT	43	10/08/1987	A
John Wilson Street SE18 6QL	1	FLAT	244	17/02/2006	C
Little Heath SE7 8BJ	2	FLAT	40	18/05/1998	A
Claymill House Raglan Road SE18 7HX	1	FLAT	176	14/02/2006	C
Eynsham Drive SE2 9PT	0	BUNGALOW	39	31/03/2009	C
Flintmill Crescent SE3 8LX	2	MAISONETTE	44	11/02/2010	B
The Redwoods Congleton Grove SE18 7HP	1	FLAT	208	16/04/2007	C
Eynsham Drive SE2 9PR	1	FLAT	133	29/08/2008	C
Thornham Street SE10 9SA	2	FLAT		Withdrawn	
Mascalls Court Victoria Way SE7 7TT	2	FLAT	253	23/09/2004	C
Embassy Court Welling High St Welling DA16 1AB	3	FLAT		No Eligible Bids	
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Think first, choose well this winter



Choosing the right place to go to for NHS treatment this winter can help to make sure that you get the right care as soon as possible.

That's the message from NHS Greenwich, which is urging people across the borough to think carefully when deciding where to go for treatment.

Making the right choice could mean that you get your problem dealt with there and then.

This winter, choosing well is more important than ever: from 24th November, the A&E department at Queen Mary's Hospital in Sidcup will be closed temporarily, so make sure that you know what the alternatives are to emergency treatment before thinking about going to A&E.

Here are some of the options that are open to you, if you become unwell this winter:

- If your condition is life-threatening (such as a loss of consciousness, severe chest pain, serious accident or loss of blood) you can call 999, or you can still go to the A&E at Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Woolwich;
- If your condition is urgent but not life-threatening, you can go to one of the local **Urgent Care Centres** instead. The centres can treat a wide range of problems, including **upset stomachs, cuts and grazes, colds and flu, chest infections and back pain**. By going to an Urgent Care Centre rather than A&E, you can save yourself a long wait. There are centres at Queen Mary's Hospital (open 24-hours-a-day, seven-days-a-week) and at Queen Elizabeth Hospital (open from 8am to 10pm, seven days-a-week);

• You can also go to your GP if you are not seriously ill. Don't forget that many GP surgeries in Greenwich have longer opening hours, including in the evenings and at the weekend. Thamesmead NHS Health Centre also offers a walk-in service, which means that you don't need to make an appointment, and can be seen even if you aren't registered as a patient there. The centre is at 4-5 Thames Reach, Thamesmead, SE28 0NY and is open 365 days-a-year from 8am to 8pm. To find out more, call the centre on 020 8319 5880;

• Don't forget that **pharmacists** can deal with winter illnesses such as coughs and colds, as well as a wide range of other conditions, from sprains to stomach upsets. Some have private areas where you can talk in confidence to the pharmacist. You can also have your free seasonal flu jab at 18 of our pharmacies in Greenwich; look on the NHS Greenwich website for a full list;

• Remember that **NHS Direct** can give you health advice if you have a minor ailment such as a cold. Choosing NHS Direct can make sure that you receive the most appropriate treatment, and give you peace of mind without having to leave your home. The number for NHS Direct is 0845 4647, and you can also go to their website, at www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk, where you can use the symptom checker to find out what may be wrong with you.

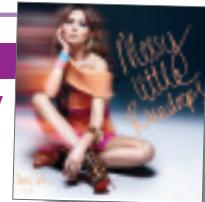
NHS Greenwich will also be distributing Choose Well leaflets to GP surgeries and healthcare centres, which will explain the different options available to you. You can also find more information on our website at www.greenwich.nhs.uk.

SCENE

Theatre
Dracula
spectacular
at Playhouse
- P25



Music
It's a messy
breakup
for Cheryl
- P25



Raising the Titanic

An exhibition of artefacts from the most famous shipwreck of all time is on display at **The O2** until next year



DIFFERENT CLASS: perfume bottles from luggage, (below), first class cabin (bottom) and left, a boarding pass



AFTER lying on the seabed of the freezing Atlantic for the best part of a century, artefacts from the most famous shipwreck of all time have gone on display in Greenwich.

Titanic was the height of luxury when she set sail on her maiden voyage on April 10 1912, and was dubbed 'unsinkable' due to her state-of-the-art safety features. But just five days after weighing anchor at Southampton, the vessel was lying at the bottom of the ocean and over 1500 people were dead.

The wreck was finally located in 1985, and an interactive exhibition that's on at The O2 has hundreds of items which have since been brought to the surface.

The most recent and ambitious mission to recover trinkets from the wreck was undertaken earlier this year, and the North Greenwich venue is the first globally to see images from the dive, alongside 14 never before seen artefacts.

Much like the voyage itself, the tour starts in jovial mood, beginning with a brief history of the build and some of the objects that were used to load the ship, before moving to an space that's home to a recreated first class cabin and the sounds of the string quartet that would ultimately soundtrack the tragic end. Despite having been below two-and-a-half miles of seawater for seventy years, the objects have survived incredibly well. Blue and white crockery from the ship's dinner service looked good enough to eat off today, and a selection of perfume samples a salesman was taking to America remain with their scents intact. Each space is divided with different lights, sounds and even temperatures. Through to the second and third class quarters and the strains of Vivaldi's Four Seasons are replaced with the oppressive

throbbing of the ship's huge engines. Still darker we go, out on to deck, to the bridge and the temperature drops dramatically before... "Iceberg – right ahead!" Each exhibit is prefaced with extensive information boards, and the numbers are staggering: First class passengers paid up to £6,500 in today's money for the ill-fated crossing, (extra for using the gym and squash courts, of course), while 6,000 tonnes of coal was carried for Titanic's 157 furnaces, with 1.5kgs of the black stuff burned for every metre travelled. RMS Titanic was responsible for collecting the exhibits which have been on a worldwide tour for over a decade, and is the only organisation legally allowed to take items from the wreck.

Cheryl Mure from the company said: "Over the past 15 years more than 22million people have seen the exhibition. On that unexpected night in 1912, more than 1,500 passengers met the same fate no matter their class or place in society - a shocking ending to what was a joyous journey."

In fact, what is often overlooked – and what the list of names of survivors and victims at the exhibition's end shows – is that it wasn't just passengers who died, nearly half of those who lost their lives were the crew: 701 perished compared to the 209 who made it on to the lifeboats. And the passengers didn't make it out in proportion to their numbers either. While nearly two thirds of first classers made it out unscathed, under half the second class survived and more than 500 of the 700 third class passengers succumbed to the freezing waters. But will YOU make it out dead or alive? Upon entry each visitor is given a boarding pass and a name, and at the end will discover the fate of the person on the card.

Rod Kitson

Tickets Mon-Fri £13/£9, Sat-Sun £15/£10.50. Audio tour is £5 extra

RA make some noise - - - Greenwich Dance Christmas Cabaret - - - - -

THE Royal Artillery Company Band played for 500 schoolchildren from around Greenwich last week. The concert took place at The Crush Hall at Woolwich Town Hall on Tuesday November 16.

The delighted youngsters were regaled with versions of The Simpsons TV show theme tune among other crowd-pleasers, which were played by the 20-strong ensemble based at the barracks in Woolwich.

GREENWICH Dance is holding its annual Christmas Cabaret on December 3. The company's over-60s dance ensemble, Dancing to the Music of Time, at the Borough Hall on the Friday evening from 7.30pm.

The group will perform a work that they have created with the dance artist, Maria Ghoumrassi, as part of a cabaret evening of dance and circus acts. Other attractions at the CC will include a choreography by Wendy Houstoun

performed by Antonia Grove; the ballroom duet, Sugar Dandies, and Hoop La La creating a spectacle with glow in the dark hula hoops. And don't forget to haggle for tickets – name your price and grab a bargain.

Call the Box Office/Haggle Hotline, on 0208293 9741, specifying the number of tickets required and the price you are willing to pay
More info: www.greenwichtdance.org.uk

African movie premiere

THE UK premiere of new African movie, *6 Hours to Christmas* takes place on November 26 at the Odeon Greenwich. The film continues the cinematic explosion happening in Ghana and Nigeria, and *Dynasty London* (UK) and *Akwaaba UK* are promoting this latest African movie.

To book tickets call the box office on 020-8503 0765
For more information about the film, visit www.6hourstochristmas.com



Highlights of the week



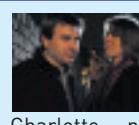
BBC One
Turn Back Time — The High Street, Tuesday, 23rd 9pm

The families trade for a week against the backdrop of the Second World War, and must cope with rationing, coupons and identity cards.



BBC Two
Edwardian Farm, Wednesday, 24th 8pm

Alex and Peter plough the land to plant potatoes and oats in an effort to secure some income, and Ruth prepares for the arrival of the pigs by restoring an ingenious compost-maker.



ITV1
Coronation Street, Friday, 26th 7.30pm

John confronts Charlotte — provoking a shocking outcome — and the Platts' early return home almost catches Nick and Leanne together.

Tuesday, 23rd November

- 6.00 Breakfast.
- 9.15 Rip Off Britain.
- 10.00 Homes Under the Hammer.
- 11.00 Real Rescues.
- 11.45 To Buy or Not to Buy.
- 12.15 Bargain Hunt.
- 1.00 BBC News; Weather.
- 1.30 Regional News.
- 1.45 Doctors.
- 2.15 Missing.
- 3.00 BBC News.
- 3.05 CBBC.
- 5.15 Weakest Link.
- 6.00 BBC News.
- 6.30 Regional News.

- 7.00 The One Show.
- 7.30 EastEnders.
- 8.00 Holby City.
- 9.00 Turn Back Time — The High Street.
- 10.00 BBC News.
- 10.25 Regional News.
- 10.35 Imagine.
- 11.40 **FILM:** Where the Truth Lies [2005] Mystery, starring Kevin Bacon.
- 1.25 See Hear. 1.55 MasterChef: The Professionals. 2.55 Renaissance Revolution. 3.55 The Bionic Vet. 4.25 BBC News.

Wednesday, 24th November

- 6.00 Breakfast.
- 9.15 Rip Off Britain.
- 10.00 Homes Under the Hammer.
- 11.00 Real Rescues.
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- 6.00 BBC News.
- 6.30 Regional News.

- 7.00 The One Show.
- 7.30 Wallace & Gromit's World of Invention.
- 8.00 Jimmy's Food Factory.
- 8.30 Nigel Slater's Simple Suppers.
- 9.00 The Apprentice.
- 1.00 BBC News; Weather.
- 1.30 Regional News.
- 1.45 Doctors.
- 2.15 Missing.
- 3.00 BBC News.
- 11.25 **FILM:** Thirteen Days [2000]
- 1.45 Country Tracks. 2.40 Watchdog. 3.40 MasterChef.

Thursday, 25th November

- 6.00 Breakfast.
- 9.15 Rip Off Britain.
- 10.00 Homes Under the Hammer.
- 11.00 Real Rescues.
- 11.45 To Buy or Not to Buy.
- 12.15 Bargain Hunt.
- 1.00 BBC News; Weather.
- 1.30 Regional News.
- 1.45 Doctors.
- 2.15 Missing.
- 3.00 BBC News.
- 3.05 CBBC.
- 5.15 Weakest Link.
- 6.00 BBC News.
- 6.30 Regional News.

- 7.00 The One Show.
- 7.30 Traffic Cops.
- 9.00 Have I Got News for You.
- 9.30 Live at the Apollo. New series. With Sean Lock and John Bishop.
- 10.00 BBC News.
- 10.25 Regional News.
- 10.35 Question Time.
- 11.40 This Week.
- 1.20 British Schools; Islamic Rules; Panorama. 1.00 Countryfile. 1.55 Antiques Roadshow. 2.55 Start Your Own School. 3.55 BBC News.

Friday, 26th November

- 6.00 Breakfast.
- 9.15 Rip Off Britain.
- 10.00 Homes Under the Hammer.
- 11.00 Real Rescues.
- 11.45 To Buy or Not to Buy.
- 12.15 Bargain Hunt.
- 1.00 BBC News; Weather.
- 1.30 Regional News.
- 1.45 Doctors.
- 2.15 Missing.
- 3.00 BBC News.
- 3.05 CBBC.
- 5.15 Weakest Link.
- 6.00 BBC News.
- 6.30 Regional News.

- 7.00 The One Show.
- 7.30 Helicopter Heroes.
- 8.00 EastEnders.
- 8.30 QI.
- 9.00 New Tricks.
- 10.00 BBC News.
- 10.25 Regional News.
- 10.35 Graham Norton Show.
- 11.20 National Lottery Draws.
- 11.30 **FILM:** Duplex [2003] Comedy, starring Ben Stiller.
- 12.55 **FILM:** Twins of Evil [1971].
- 2.20 Natural World. 3.20 The Classroom Experiment.
- 4.20 BBC News.

BBC One

- 6.00 CBeebies.
- 7.00 CBBC.
- 8.30 CBeebies.
- 11.30 Animal Park: Wild in Africa.
- 12.00 Daily Politics.
- 12.30 GMT with George Alagiah.
- 1.00 Due South.
- 1.45 Coast.
- 2.00 Live Tennis: ATP World Tour Finals. Sue Barker presents coverage of day three from the O2 in London.
- 3.45 Flog It!
- 4.30 Pointless.

- 5.15 The Hairy Bikers' Cook Off.
- 6.00 Eggheads.
- 6.30 Strictly Come Dancing — Takes Two.
- 7.00 Coast.
- 8.00 Alan Titchmarsh's Garden Secrets.
- 9.00 The Foods That Make Billions.
- 10.00 Miranda.
- 10.30 Newsnight.
- 11.20 American Dream.
- 12.20 BBC News.
- 4.00 BBC Learning Zone.

BBC Two

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- 6.30 Strictly Come Dancing — Takes Two.
- 7.00 Coast.
- 8.00 Alan Titchmarsh's Garden Secrets.
- 9.00 The Foods That Make Billions.
- 10.00 Miranda.
- 10.30 Newsnight.
- 11.20 American Dream.
- 12.20 BBC News.
- 4.00 BBC Learning Zone.

ITV1

- 6.00 Daybreak.
- 8.30 Lorraine.
- 9.25 Jeremy Kyle: Morning Surgery.
- 10.30 This Morning.
- 12.30 Loose Women.
- 1.30 ITV News; Weather.
- 1.55 London News.
- 2.00 Dinner Date.
- 3.00 Dickinson's Real Deal.
- 4.00 Midsomer Murders.
- 5.00 The Alan Titchmarsh Show.
- 6.00 London Tonight.
- 6.30 ITV News; Weather.
- 7.00 Emmerdale.

- 7.30 River Monsters.
- 8.00 The Zoo.
- 9.00 I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here! A contestant is chosen for the next Bushucker Trial.
- 10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather.
- 10.30 London News.
- 10.35 Celebrity Juice: X Factor Special.
- 11.20 Swingtown.
- 12.10 The Zone.
- 2.10 The Rockford Files.
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- 9.15 The Wright Stuff.
- 10.45 Trisha Goddard.
- 11.45 House Doctor.
- 12.40 Five News.
- 12.50 Emergency Bikers.
- 1.45 Neighbours.
- 2.15 Home and Away.
- 2.50 Animal Rescue Squad.
- 3.05 **FILM:** Another Day [2001] Drama, starring Shannen Doherty.
- 5.00 Five News.
- 5.30 Neighbours.
- 6.00 Home and Away.
- 6.25 Live from Studio Five.

- 7.00 Five News at 7.
- 7.30 Street Market Chefs.
- 8.00 Sea Patrol UK. A man and his son are trapped on the Devon coast.
- 9.00 **CSI:** Miami. Calleigh sees the ghost of a 15-year-old who died in a fire.
- 10.00 **CSI:** NY.
- 11.00 **CSI:** Crime Scene Investigation.
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- 12.55 SuperCasino.
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- 6.00 London Tonight.
- 6.30 ITV News; Weather.
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- 7.30 Live UEFA Champions League. Rangers v Manchester United [Kick-off 7.45pm].
- 10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather.
- 10.30 London News.
- 10.35 UEFA Champions League: Extra Time.
- 12.30 The Zone.
- 2.30 **FILM:** A Shock to the System [1990] Black comedy, starring Michael Caine.
- 4.00 The Jeremy Kyle Show.
- 4.55 ITV Nightsgame.
- 5.30 ITV Morning News.

- 5.00 Come Dine with Me.
- 6.00 Daybreak.
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- 5.30 Four in a Bed.
- 6.00 The Simpsons.
- 6.30 Hollyoaks.
- 7.00 Channel 4 News.
- 8.00 Kirstie's Homemade Home Tree.
- 9.00 The Family.
- 10.00 Frankie Boyle Live.
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Channel 4

Apocalypse: The Second World War, Saturday, 27th 8.30pm



The focus shifts to how the war turned against Germany following the Allied victory at El Alamein and the strong defence of Stalingrad by Soviet troops.

Five

Andre Rieu Live in Dublin, Sunday, 28th 11.50am



The violinist performs Strauss waltzes, classical favourites and traditional Irish tunes in a concert recorded at the Point Theatre.

Film of the Week

Hard to Kill, Monday, 29th 10pm



A cop who was shot by drug dealers and left for dead awakens after years in a coma and vows to avenge his wife's murder. Thriller, with Steven Seagal and Kelly LeBrock.

Saturday, 27th November

6.00 Breakfast.
10.00 Saturday Kitchen.
11.30 Nigella Kitchen.
12.00 BBC News and Weather.
12.15 Football Focus.
1.00 MotoGP.
2.00 Live Tennis: ATP World Tour Finals. Coverage of the semi-finals of the season-ending event at the O2 in London.
4.30 Final Score.
5.15 BBC News and Weather.
5.30 Walk on the Wild Side.
6.00 The Impressions Show with Culshaw and Stephenson.

6.30 Strictly Come Dancing.
7.45 Merlin.
8.30 The National Lottery Saturday Night Draws. With Russell Watson.
8.40 Casualty. Jay starts a petition against an administrative adviser.
9.30 The Armstrong & Miller Show. Characters include art historian Dennis Lincoln-Park.
10.00 BBC News; Weather.
10.20 Match of the Day.
11.40 The Football League Show.
12.35 BBC News.

6.00 CBeebies.
7.00 CBBC.
12.00 The Cut.
12.25 Teenvilles: My Bar Mitzvah Diary.
12.50 Popatron.
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2.35 Close.

6.00 CITV.
10.00 All New You've Been Framed!
10.30 The Crocodile Hunter Diaries.
11.30 This Morning: Saturday.
12.30 News; Weather.
12.35 Live FA Cup Football. AFC Wimbledon vs Ebbsfleet United v Stevenage FC or Milton Keynes Dons [Kick-off 12.50pm].
2.50 FILM: Corpse Bride (2005)
4.20 Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1 - Behind the Magic.

5.20 London Tonight.
5.30 ITV News; Weather.
5.45 New Britain Does the Funniest Things.
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12.55 Scrubs.
1.55 Channel 4 Racing.
3.55 Jamie's 30 Minute Meals.
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4.05 The OC. 5.35 Countdown.

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5.35 Thomas & Friends.
5.45 Roary the Racing Car.

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6.00 Breakfast.
7.35 Match of the Day.
9.00 The Andrew Marr Show.
10.00 Fern Britton Meets June Brown.
11.00 Country Tracks.
12.00 The Politics Show.
1.00 Match of the Day Live. Norwich City v Ipswich Town (Kick-off 1.15pm).
3.20 EastEnders.
3.50 Drop Zone.
4.50 Points of View.
5.05 Songs of Praise.
5.40 BBC News and Weather.
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10.00 Homes Under the Hammer.
11.00 Real Rescues.
11.45 To Buy or Not to Buy.
12.15 Bargain Hunt.
1.00 BBC News and Weather.
1.30 Regional News.
2.15 Missing.
3.00 BBC News.
3.05 CBBC.
3.15 Weakest Link.
4.00 BBC News.
4.30 Regional News.

6.30 Countryfile.
7.30 Strictly Come Dancing.
8.00 Antiques Roadshow. From Hatfield House, Hertfordshire. 9.00 Garrow's Law. A libel case leads to Garrow cross-examining Sir Arthur.
10.00 BBC News and Weather.
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10.30 The Crocodile Hunter Diaries.
11.30 This Morning: Saturday.
12.30 News; Weather.
12.35 Live FA Cup Football. AFC Wimbledon vs Ebbsfleet United v Stevenage FC or Milton Keynes Dons [Kick-off 12.50pm].
2.50 FILM: Corpse Bride (2005)
4.20 Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1 - Behind the Magic.

5.20 London Tonight.
5.30 ITV News; Weather.
5.45 New Britain Does the Funniest Things.
6.45 All New You've Been Framed!
7.15 Harry Hill's TV Burp.
7.45 The X Factor.
9.40 I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here!
10.40 ITV News; Weather.
10.55 FA Cup Highlights.
12.25 Dating the Enemy.
12.55 The Zone.
2.55 Surface.
3.40 Sons and Daughters.

6.35 Planet Cook. 6.55 World Sport. 7.25 Sailing. 7.55 The Morning Line. 8.50 Friends. 9.20 TA: Shooting Nicole Scherzinger. 9.55 Ugly Betty. 10.55 Koko Pop. 11.25 Friends. 11.55 4Music Video Honours.
12.55 Scrubs.
1.55 Channel 4 Racing.
3.55 Jamie's 30 Minute Meals.
4.25 Come Dine with Me.
6.55 The Political Slot.
7.00 Channel 4 News.
7.25 4thought.it.
7.30 Grand Designs.

8.30 Apocalypse: The Second World War.
9.30 FILM: Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street (2008) Premiere. A Victorian barber obsessed with revenge takes to murdering his clients. Horror, with Johnny Depp.
11.45 FILM: Genova (2008) Premiere. Drama, starring Colin Firth.
1.30 FILM: Fallout (2004) Second World War drama, starring Bruno Ganz.
4.05 The OC. 5.35 Countdown.

6.00 Milkshake!
10.00 Your Sport.
10.15 Fifth Gear.
10.45 The Gadget Show.
11.45 Emergency Bikers.
12.50 FILM: Murder Most Foul (1964) Mystery, with Margaret Rutherford.
2.35 FILM: Fly Away Home (1996) Adventure, starring Jeff Daniels and Anna Paquin.
4.40 Five News.
4.45 FILM: Cahill, US Marshal (1973) Western, starring John Wayne.
6.50 Five News.

6.55 The Mentalist.
7.45 NCIS.
8.40 NCIS.
9.40 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation.
10.45 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation.
11.40 Forensic Files.
12.10 SuperCasino.
4.00 Fifth Gear.
4.25 HouseBusters.
4.50 Your Sport.
5.00 Hana's Helpline.
5.10 The Milkshake! Show.
5.35 Thomas & Friends.
5.45 Roary the Racing Car.

Digital & Cable

Tuesday

Cellular,
E4, 9pm
A teacher is kidnapped by criminals with a grudge against her family, but manages to make contact with the outside world through a cellphone. Thriller, starring Kim Basinger, Jason Statham, Chris Evans, William H Macy, Jessica Biel, Matt Colman, Adam Taylor Gordon and Valerie Cruz.



Wednesday

Time Team,

More4, 9pm
Tony Robinson and the team visit the Oxfordshire town of Burford to respond to a challenge from Professor Mick Aston. Here, they investigate the remains of a medieval hospital in the grounds of Burford Priory, where Mick also found evidence of a lost Anglo-Saxon settlement.

Thursday

Arena: The Princess and

Panorama,
BBC4, 10pm
The story behind Diana, Princess of Wales' famous Panorama interview with Martin Bashir. Steve Hewlett, then editor of the documentary series, discusses the original intention of the programme.



Friday

Folk America,
BBC4, 10.20pm
How the genre became the domain of more commercial acts in the late 1990s before acts such as Bob Dylan and Joan Baez restored its reputation as a force for political change. This new wave of folk artists used their music as a platform to support the civil rights movement.

Saturday

Mad Men,
BBC4, 10.30pm
As the search for new business becomes increasingly frustrating, Don comes up with a risky strategy to change the company's fortunes – but his maverick approach leaves his colleagues outraged. Drama, starring Jon Hamm, January Jones and Kiernan Shipka.



Sunday

Sherlock,
BBC3, 7.30pm
Modern re-imagining of Arthur Conan Doyle's Sherlock Holmes stories, featuring Benedict Cumberbatch in the title role and Martin Freeman as his trusty sidekick Dr John Watson. With Una Stubbs as the pair's landlady and Rupert Graves as Inspector Lestrade.



Monday

Art of Germany,

BBC4, 9pm
Andrew Graham-Dixon explores the history of German art, visiting places of significance and looking at paintings, sculptures and other works. He begins his journey by travelling to the large cathedral in Cologne, which he believes encapsulates the varied character of the country's creative output.



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Beadle's Books

Beginning to manage

 IMAGINE how you'd feel if one of your most private emails leaked onto the internet and made national news. No one knows how that feels more than columnist and TV presenter Giles Coren.

After a joke was edited out of his column, Giles took to his computer and fired off an expletive ridden email to the offending sub-editor. The email was subsequently leaked online, became a national talking point, and made Coren a contender for the dubious title of Britain's Angriest Man. Instead of cowering in shame, Giles capitalised on the attention, boosted his profile and has now found a more productive outlet for his ire in his book, *Anger Management for Beginners*.

Essentially a compilation of his columns for the Times and GQ Magazine, it becomes clear that there is a whole hive of bees in Mr Coren's bonnet: Estate agents, footballers, barcodes, music, wheelie luggage, vegetarianism all go through the wringer. In fact, it would probably be easier to make a list of the things that don't get up his nose. Fortunately, the writer is at his most humorous when he's riled, especially when cornered on the subject of tubby chaps ("The annual cost of human fatness to the NHS is estimated at £1 billion a year. One billion pounds! That's an awful lot of Toblerones," he rails) and the snow in Norway.

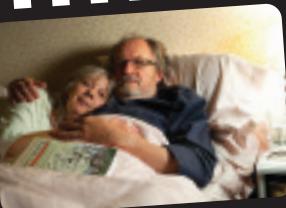
"What happens in Oslo is that all winter long the lazy...dog-owners, who can't be bothered to bend down and clean up on a cold morning...just let the dogs squeeze out their worst, knowing that in minutes the evidence will have been covered by fresh snow," he writes. "And then the thaw comes. All at once, the snow melts, and there, at your feet, is eight months of dog poo, perfectly preserved and ready to crack out its baby fresh whiff at the first sight of sunshine. As if one giant dog the size of Texas had decided to squat over Oslo and unload its breakfast."

Cutting, cynical and caustically funny, *Anger Management for Beginners* is an alternative guide to modern life from the pen of someone who says it like it is. But be warned, Coren doesn't pull his punches and can often be brutal in his opinions. The best bet for readers might be to dip into the book little and often for a quick fix of Coren's unique brand of acerbic wit, because 240 pages of grumpiness is a lot to handle at once. That said, everyone has a Giles in their group; a friend who struggles to keep their disdain for many aspects of modern life to themselves. And after nodding and harrumphing my way through much of this thought-provoking book, it has become worryingly clear to me that that person in my friendship group is... me.

Dean Beadle

A day in the life

Another dark 'n' dreary *Mike Leigh* film takes the plaudits. Cheery, feelgood romp it is not, writes Dick Morgan



ANOTHER Year. Another Mike Leigh film. Another raft of irritatingly, extravagantly positive film reviews.

"Wonderful" proclaimed The Times. "Deeply compassionate", lauded The Guardian. "Unmissable" said the News of The World. Not one of these gushers seemed to notice that the point of cinema is to escape from - albeit briefly, the brutal realities of everyday life, not to have them rammed down our throats. Happily married middle-aged couple, Tom (Jim Broadbent) and Gerri (Ruth Sheen) are deeply content. They are friends, they are partners, they are soul mates. Satisfied in

their work - he a geologist, she a counsellor - they share a mutual passion, a small allotment where, as the seasons slowly pass, they grow vegetables and fruit. Into this idyllic setting stumble a series of friends and family, each soul more damaged than the last. First is their son Joe (Oliver Maltman), unmarried at 27, 30 and wistfully melancholy, next Tom's friend Ken (Peter Wight), desperately lonely and hiding away in an alcohol-induced stupor. And then there is Mary (Lesley Manville).

Mary is the crux on which the film hangs: her arrivals are its chapters; her mood swing its tone; her slow but relentless decline into decay and despair its very heart. Manville bears this responsibility with

remarkable insouciance, beautifully capturing the full range of emotions from hope to despair, introspection to anger. Failure follows failure - her marriage, her boyfriends, even her new car. Small and red she is thrilled at the symbol of freedom, taking charge of her life. But before long it is sold, tired and worn out, like her, without hope. The dark mood is relentless but Leigh darkens it further, this time with a funeral - Tom's sister in law. Cold, stark and uncomfortable it is emotionally violent as the dead mother's son bursts into the service with obscenities and accusations.

The darkness is briefly lifted by outstanding performances; Manville exceeds all expectations, rising to the challenge and dominant

throughout. Broadbent and Sheen are the perfect foil, totally relaxed, their ease and comfort in stark contrast to Manville's nervous agitation, their full and busy lives a poignant reminder of her own empty life, while their knowing, self-satisfied glances a contrast to her search for who she is. Beautiful cameos from Wight, Maltman and Imelda Staunton in a powerful but tone-setting opening scene complete the canvas which Leigh paints with such care. But make no mistake: this is dark, this is hard, this is life.

Verdict:
Depressingly powerful, overwhelmingly dark but beautifully observed. 6/10

DM

Another Year is on at the Greenwich Picturehouse

Born to boogie at 80s night

A monthly club night at *The Indigo2* revives the 1980s



THERE may have been a dozen 30somethings in the queue for the latest instalment of *Ultimate Boogie Night* at the Indigo2, but the audience on November 12 were mainly 40somethings - children of the 60s who tuned into the sweet sounds of soul as teens during the 1980s.

I jumped at the chance to see three of the best from my teenage years - *GQ*, *Change* and *Brass Construction*, bands that obviously appealed to others as it was a full house despite the drizzly, chilly Friday night.

First on was Rahiem LeBlanc of *GQ* who had the unenviable task of warming up the audience. The crowd was still trailing in after he'd started his set but the familiar opening chords of hits like 'Make My Dreams A Reality' and 'Standing Ovation' soon had the audience's full attention and there were 'ooohs' and 'ahhs' as we joined in. Rahiem's vocals were as clear and crisp as ever and he combed every inch of the

stage as he boogied with his guitar holding our interest with amusing observations, recollections of past concerts and his dance moves.

I was particularly looking forward to seeing *Change* - one of my personal favourites from my college days. The group had produced a series of catchy soul/pop tunes which were played over and over again at our many college socials.

Inevitably, the soulful vocals of Luther Vandross were missing, and although the two original band members on stage did their best, the performance was a little disappointing.

The session band rattled through a medley of *Change* hits - 'The Glow of Love', 'Change of Heart' and the haunting 'Searching' which got us all on our feet. But much of it smacked of a tribute band and the female lead vocal was simply lacking - turning the mic up made no difference.

The grumblings of the people behind me revealed they were somewhat dissatisfied

too, but they soon cheered up as our headline act strolled onto the stage. The songwriter/arranger/producer Randy Muller of *Brass Construction* fame finally got the party started with a pumping funky bassline. The infectious beat simply willed you to dance and it was punctuated with blasts of sax and trumpet from a four-man brass section, which underlined the intensity and beauty of live music.

There was a heightened sense of intimacy when Randy slowed it down with a breathy flute tribute to Michael Jackson. The classically-trained musician tailed it off between swigs of water with tuneful huffs across the top of his Evian bottle. The gig brought back memories of the many wonderful concerts I saw at the Hammersmith Odeon back in the day, and the after concert party continued the theme with more 80s anthems. But it was all too much for this 40something and I was hankering for a cuppa and my duvet by 1am.

HB



Edited by Rod Kitson

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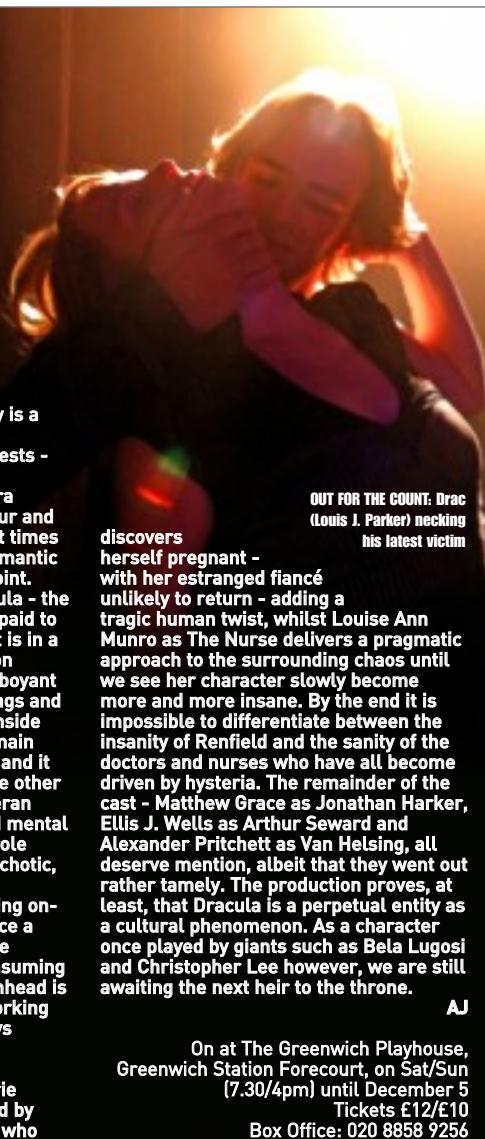
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There will be blood

A new interpretation of Bram Stoker's **Dracula** is on at **Greenwich Playhouse** until next month, writes Alex James

THE SUPERNATURAL is far removed from 21st century life, particularly for those of us reluctant to indulge in the fantasy realm of the Hogwart's Express and the formulaic Hollywood movie format. So how does Bram Stoker's **Dracula**, a psychological thriller containing a horror that resonated with the Victorians (one that went on to inspire countless films, parodies and productions), make an impact on today's audience one hundred years after its publication? The popularisation of **Dracula** and other vampire flicks have no doubt desensitised the public from the vampire: he is archaic, lost among the metropolis, a forgotten relic - zombies are the new wave of undead celebrity. There is little mystery in the plot these days, even for younger generations who have been fed on fast action, junk food vampire films like *Van Helsing*, *Buffy The Vampire Slayer* and *From Dusk Til Dawn*. But Bram Stoker's **Dracula** is the *foie gras* of vampire tales. The novel explores the themes of Victorian morality, female sexuality, postcolonialism and insanity. Liz Lochhead's stage adaptation manages to fit all of these motifs into a condensed yet rich offering of the storyline. Sell A Door Theatre Company's David Hutchinson is the latest director to be handed the reins. The traditional setting and period costumes are kept loyal to the early adaptations on at the Lyceum Theatre

during Stoker's lifetime. Sexuality is a prominent theme throughout the performance. The main love interests - sisters Lucy and Mina, played by heartthrobs Daisy Burns and Laura Blackmore, exude eroticism, vigour and confidence in their movements. At times it's a little more Madonna than romantic infatuation but that's partly the point. Uncannily, the role of Count Dracula - the character that the audience have paid to see, seems not to exist. Or if so, it is in a weak form. Louis J. Parker puts on everything from exceedingly flamboyant gestures to aggressive mood swings and a Slavic accent, but the vampire inside never comes knocking. Losing a main attraction like this is a huge blow and it falls upon the performances of the other characters to revive the story. Kieran Hennigan as Renfield, a disturbed mental asylum patient, forges a leading role through his performance as a psychotic, erratic and excitable lunatic. Renfield has a powerfully disturbing on-stage aura, handing to the audience a character to watch and enjoy as he describes his delusions about consuming the life out of flies and birds. Lochhead is very aware of women from the working classes in her adaptation, and pays particular attention to the details surrounding their lives. A terrific Sophie Holland, as Florrie Heathersage (a character invented by Lochhead), plays a house servant who



OUT FOR THE COUNT: Drac (Louis J. Parker) necking his latest victim

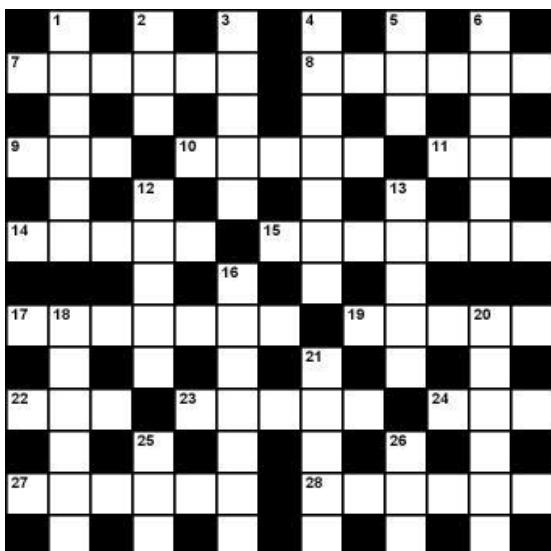
discovers herself pregnant -

with her estranged fiancé unlikely to return - adding a tragic human twist, whilst Louise Ann Munro as The Nurse delivers a pragmatic approach to the surrounding chaos until we see her character slowly become more and more insane. By the end it is impossible to differentiate between the insanity of Renfield and the sanity of the doctors and nurses who have all become driven by hysteria. The remainder of the cast - Matthew Grace as Jonathan Harker, Ellis J. Wells as Arthur Seward and Alexander Pritchett as Van Helsing, all deserve mention, albeit that they went out rather tamely. The production proves, at least, that **Dracula** is a perpetual entity as a cultural phenomenon. As a character once played by giants such as Bela Lugosi and Christopher Lee however, we are still awaiting the next heir to the throne.

AJ

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Time Crossword...



CLUES ACROSS

- 7) Servile assistant, always works for someone (6)
- 8) Usually a foreign girl with children to care for (2, 4)
- 9) Compete with someone or something (3)
- 10) Rub something greasy roughly over the surface (5)
- 11) Wherein one might place those things to be thrown away (3)
- 12) Gelled and raised to enable someone to begin (3, 2)
- 13) As far up as you could possibly ever go (3-4)
- 14) Account published for general consumption (5-2)
- 15) Just right to catch a fish, perhaps a mackerel (5)
- 16) Every Billy was one once, another Billy was one till he died (3)
- 17) The sort of service it is a genteel objective to join (5)
- 18) Aware of those inexplicable things in heaven and earth (3)
- 19) One was said to have had a very blue beard (6)
- 20) Become entangled in one's own feet and end up on the floor (4, 2)

CLUES DOWN

- 1) Talk it over, with the opposition perhaps (6)
- 2) So goes a million - at least it did in the show (3)
- 3) Imaginary creature, looks like a little old man (5)
- 4) Electronic aid for the would-be amateur entertainer (7)
- 5) Source of health-giving minerals (3)
- 6) Part of a garment, seldom seen but essential to its hang (6)
- 7) Eat with this and you'll always enjoy your food (5)
- 8) If you've had these, you've had it (5)
- 9) Roman deity who led the rest in the Pantheon (7)
- 10) Fruity ingredient of many a jolly good cake (6)
- 11) One of the grander sounding roads (6)
- 12) Wherein the treasurer might keep the funds (5)
- 13) Make this in the sun and you'll get away with almost anything (3)
- 14) Put on to cap it all off and keep everything in (3)

Cheryl's messy breakup



Cole's got Ex-factor

LOVE her or loathe her, there is no denying Cheryl Cole is one of Britain's biggest stars right now. Previously a dancer and model, Cole catapulted to fame as a member of the record-breaking UK pop group Girls Aloud after featuring in reality talent show, Popstars: The Rivals. With 19 Top Ten UK singles already under her belt with Girls Aloud, the group announced a year-long hiatus, and Cole took advantage of the down time to record her first solo album, *3 Words*, released in October 2009. More than a year later, Cole now releases her second solo offering inspired by a difficult period in the singer's life. Referencing her recent divorce and her battle against malaria, *Messy Little Raindrops* includes some emotional and moving tracks with genuine, heartfelt lyrics. And once again, we see the singer fusing her pop background with her love of American R&B and passion for dance to create a cool and contemporary sound.

The album - which boasts producers

who have worked with the likes of

Rihanna and Jay Z - also includes

collaborations with Dizzee Rascal on

the soulful *Everyone*, and Travie

McCoy on *Yeah Yeah*.

The album transports the listener on a journey through the singer's turbulent experience of the past year, from the Beach Boys inspired *Live Tonight* which tugs on the heartstrings, the heartbreak of *The Flood*, through to the survivor song *Happy Tears*, showing Cole moving on from her failed relationship.

With honest lyrics and infectious melodies, Cole wears her heart on her sleeve and it seems she is certain to succeed in producing yet another hit pop album.

Andy Watson

Messy Little Raindrops is out now at HMV, Greenwich Shopping Park, Charlton

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

ACROSS: 4) Spelter, 8) Lender, 9) Average, 10) Shorts, 11) Manage, 12) Envelope, 18) Interval, 20) Hustle, 21) Scarce, 22) Poverty, 23) Trauma, 24) Trample.
DOWN: 1) Glasses, 2) Involve, 3) Rental, 5) Pavement, 6) Larynx, 7) Engage, 13) Oriental, 14) Overdue, 15) Illegal, 16) Rumour, 17) Stream, 19) Escort

SPORT

Elliott robs the plucky Bees

Charlton 1 Barnet 0
by Kevin Nolan

A FLASH of Kyel Reid's pocket-picking opportunism settled this FA Cup first round replay in Charlton's favour and earned them a second round home tie with Luton Town on Saturday (November 27). Reid's 18th-minute strike statistically separated the sides but it was the inspired goalkeeping of Rob Elliot which broke Barnet's gallant hearts. No fewer than eight superb saves defied the marvellously spirited visitors as they threatened, at times, to overwhelm their startled hosts. Before Reid scored, Elliot had already spectacularly diverted George Francomb's free kick and enjoyed a slice of luck

when Kevin Gallen hit a post. It was surprisingly against the early run of play that Charlton snatched a lead that Elliot took personal responsibility to defend. No shrinking violet but hardly the most physical of players, Reid used an old-fashioned shoulder charge to dispossess catnapping left back Joe Devera, before cutting in sharply to tuck a low drive in off Jake Cole's near post.

With a lead to defend, Elliot took the Bees on almost singlehanded. Before the interval, he brilliantly blocked Grant Basey's close range blast, then plunged full-length to turn aside Steve Kabba's 25-yard rocket. The second half provided little respite for the overworked Elliot.

Rossi Jarvis was defied in one-on-one confrontation, Mark Hughes' header tipped to safety but the

pick of the bunch was the breathtaking athleticism he used to flick Basey's perfectly struck free kick over the bar. Before Charlton tottered over the line, their great young goalkeeper literally and painfully faced down Kabba at close quarters, then reacted smartly to save substitute Izale McLeod's last gasp shot in rounding off an individual performance few of its 4,803 witnesses will easily forget.

Horatio at the Bridge; that Dutch kid with his finger in the dyke; Elliot standing fast and firm at The Valley Blimey, it's the stuff of legends.

Charlton (4-5-1): Elliot, Francis, Fortune (Doherty, 63), Daily, Fry, Wagstaff (Benson, 46), Racon, McCormack, Jackson, Reid, Abbott (Sodje, 74). Not used: Worner, Llera, Mambo, Harriott.

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Custer at Little Big Horn, where Custer disastrously confused a square with a circle.

It took no more than two minutes for the lowly visitors to blow the cobwebs off such antiquated tactics. They clearly meant to take on the Addicks in the subtler nuances of the game and would have snatched a vital early lead had Gavin Williams connected more sweetly with Dean Bowditch's left wing cutback or if Andrew Williams' venomous shot on the turn had found the right corner instead of grazing a post.

A snap explanation of Town's desperate plight, though, was provided by their 11th-minute concession in Charlton's first attack of note.

A smug assumption that Lee Martin would fail to retrieve the long ball which sent the willing runner haring towards the right corner flag persuaded their defence to relax imperceptibly. Busting a proverbial gut, Martin exercised his only option in crossing first time for Johnnie Jackson to volley his sixth goal of a surprisingly

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THE upshot of this unjust defeat plunged Yeovil Town to the bottom of League One.

Exactly what they are doing there will mystify another healthy Valley crowd, which was put through an emotional wringer by these plucky yeomen of Somerset, before emerging, drained and drawn, with three more precious promotion points to savour.

The expectation had been that the Glovers would tackle this daunting assignment with a destructive game plan. They would form up in a version of the British infantry square on the edge of their penalty area, leave one player up for nuisance value and defy Charlton to break them down.

The tactics worked perfectly for Wellington at Waterloo, not so well for the undisciplined George